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1. WE CONCUR IN THE THOUGHTS SET FORTH IN REFTEL WITH REGARD TO US/EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE UK PRESIDENCY. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN SOME MARGINAL IMPROVEMENT DURING THE PST YEAR, WE STILL HAVE SOME DISTANCE TO GO BEFORE THESE CONSULTATION CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS A TRUE DIALOGUE ON CURRENT WORLD ISSUES. THIS WILL REQUIRE A GREATER EFFORT ON BOTH SIDES.

2. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE UK PRESIDENCY OF THE EC PROVIDES US WITH A STRIKING OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A LONG STRIDE TOWARD THE GOAL. EMBASSY LONDON BELIEVES THAT THE BRITISH ARE PREPARED TO DO THEIR PART IN EXPANDING THE RANGE OF US/EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS. I TRUST WE WILL BE PREPARED TO MEET THEM AT LEAST HALF WAY, AND THAT WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONDUCT A FULL AND FRANK DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES WITH THE NINE, HOLDING TO THE MINIMUM WHAT WE FEEL MUST BE SET ASIDE FOR THE US/UK BILATERAL CHANNEL.
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3. WE ALSO AGREE WITH LONDON THAT THE TROJAN HORSE SYNDROME HAS BY NO MEANS BEEN LAID TO REST, AND WE SUPPORT APPEAL TO USE UTMOST DISCRETION ABOUT WHAT IS SAID BY OUR CONTACTS IN BRUSSELS AND OTHER CAPITALS, ESPECIALLY BY, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, OUR BRITISH FRIENDS. HINTON

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